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BORMANN
BERLIN--AN INTENSIFIED AND WIDESPREAD MANHUNT LAUNCHED BY THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, IS UNDER WAY FOR THE CONDEMNED MARTIN BORMANN, MISSING DEPUTY OF ADOLF HITLER. IT WAS DISCLOSED TODAY. PICTURES OF THE SHADOWY NAZI BIGWIG HAVE BEEN PRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO ITS EMBASSIES AND MINISTRIES IN EUROPE, SOUTH AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE.

BORMANN, MISSING SINCE THE END OF THE WAR AND CONDEMNED TO THE GALTOWS IN ABSENTIA BY THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL AT NUERNBERG, NEVER HAS BEEN PROVEN DEAD. ON THE CONTRARY, HE FREQUENTLY HAS BEEN REPORTED SEEN ALIVE AT SCATTERED PLACES. NONE OF THESE REPORTS HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIATED.

TO MAKE THE LOOKOUT FOR BORMANN MORE SYSTEMATIC, THE STATE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED T.J. DUNNIGAN, OF THE AMERICAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL ADMINISTRATION HERE, TO OBTAIN A GOOD LIKENESS OF HIM FOR REPRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION FROM WASHINGTON.

"THIS ACTION WAS TAKEN," DUNNIGAN SAID, "BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN RECEIVING HUNDREDS OF REPORTS THAT BORMANN HAS BEEN SEEN HERE OR THERE THROUGHOUT EUROPE. NONE OF THESE REPORTS HAS YET PROVED CONCRETE. AND WE MAY BE LOOKING FOR A DEAD MAN, BUT WE WOULDN'T WANT TO CHANCE MISSING A BIT IF HE IS STILL ALIVE."

"SO WE WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE. FOR HE WAS LESS PUBLICIZED THAN THE OTHER TOP NAZIS AND WAS A MAN WHO PREFERRED TO WORK POWERFULLY BEHIND THE SCENES RATHER THAN ESK IN THE LIMELIGHT."

DUNNIGAN CHOSE FOR DISTRIBUTION A PRINT OF A PORTRAIT OF BORMANN DONE IN 1939 AT HITLER'S SUGGESTION THAT BORMANN SHOULD HAVE HIS LIKENESS PAINTED "FOR POSTERITY." THIS PORTRAIT NOW IS IN U.S. ARMY HANDS AND IS TO BE GIVEN TO A LIBRARY OF CONGRESS MISSION HERE.

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